



**TOWN OF MASHPEE INTERPRETIVE NATURE TOURS
CONSERVATION DEPARTMENT
JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2017**

The Mashpee Conservation Department is continuing its schedule of free Naturalist-guided tours of Mashpee's unique and diverse conservation areas. Tours last for an average of 1 to 2 hours but may be longer or shorter, depending on the wishes of the participants. All ages are invited and children are encouraged to come. Many nature programs are designed for children and their families.

Further information can be obtained from the Mashpee Conservation Department at 539-1400, ext. 8540, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Guide maps for many conservation areas are available at the Conservation Department or Planning Department offices at the Mashpee Town Hall. **Tours may be cancelled in the event of stormy weather.**

Saturday, January 7 - 9:00 a.m. Childs River Excursion

Enjoy a hike through Cape Cod woodlands, cranberry bogs and along the Childs River. Meet at the **Childs River Conservation Area**. Directions: From the Mashpee Rotary, take Route 151. Take a left onto Old Barnstable Road. Take first left after Leatherleaf Drive. Pull off to parking area on the left side of the road.

Saturday, January 14 - 9:00 a.m. Conaumet Neck Hike

Take a relaxing walk into the **Lowell Holly Reservation** and enjoy magnificent views of Mashpee-Wakeby Pond. Directions: From Route 130 take South Sandwich Road and follow approximately 1 mile to Reservation parking area on left, directly on South Sandwich Road.

Saturday, January 21 - 9:00 a.m. Johns Pond Park Conservation Area

Tour beautiful freshwater pond environments, bogs and a herring run at the **Johns Pond Park Conservation Area**. Directions: From the Mashpee Rotary, take Route 151. Take a right onto Ashumet Road, and a right on Hooppole Road. Go to the end of the stop sign and take a right onto Back Road. Follow to parking area.

Saturday, January 28 - 9:00 a.m. Conaumet Neck Hike

Take a relaxing walk into the **Lowell Holly Reservation** and enjoy magnificent views of Mashpee-Wakeby Pond. Directions: From Route 130 take South Sandwich Road North and follow approximately 0.8 miles to Reservation parking area on left, directly on South Sandwich Road.

Saturday, February 4– 9:00 a.m. *Natural History Excursion*

Explore the pine-oak woodlands and majestic Mashpee River in this natural history trek at the **Mashpee River Woodlands (South)**. Directions: From the Mashpee Rotary, take Route 28 towards Hyannis. Take first right onto Quinaquisset Avenue, then right on Mashpee Neck Road. South parking area is approximately 1 mile on right at Mashpee River Woodlands sign.

Sunday, February 5- 9:00 a.m. – *Mashpee River Woodlands Corridor*

Come and explore the Mashpee River Woodlands and look for signs of winter thaw along the Mashpee River. Meet at the **Mashpee River Woodlands (North)**. Directions: From the Mashpee Rotary, take Route 28 towards Hyannis and take first right onto Quinaquisset Avenue. North parking area is off Quinaquisset Avenue on the right.

Saturday, February 11 - 9:00 a.m. *Mashpee River Corridor*

Take a botanical hike into the **Mashpee River Woodlands (West)**. Search for new spring wildflowers in this hike along woodlands, bog and river. Directions: From the Mashpee Rotary, take Great Neck Road South. Turn left onto River Road. Please park at end of paved road on left.

Sunday, February 12 - 9:00 a.m. *Besse Bog Conservation Area*

Enjoy a walk around a cranberry bog / vernal pool and explore the plant and animal life found in and around it. Meet at the Besse Bog Conservation Area. Directions: From the Mashpee rotary, take Great Neck Road North. Turn right onto Route 130 and look for Besse Bog Conservation Area sign and parking area on left just past South Sandwich Road. ***Wear shoes that can get wet.***